

## **The Maryland Appliance Rebate Program will begin on April 22, 2010. Purchases made before this date will not qualify for the ARRA-funded rebate.**

*I've heard about a "Cash for Clunker" appliance rebate program. Will Maryland be participating?*

While the program is not officially called the "Cash for Clunker" appliance program, Maryland is participating in the Department of Energy's energy efficient appliance rebate program. Funding is provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Maryland submitted an application to the Department of Energy on October 15th for \$5.4 million in funding. **The program was approved by the Department of Energy in early December, and is set to launch on April 22, 2010. The program is not retroactive, so purchases made before the program launches will not qualify for the rebate.**

*How do I get an appliance rebate?*

If you are a customer of BGE, Allegheny Power, Pepco, SMECO, or Delmarva Power, you can get an appliance rebate through your utility **right now**. These are mail-in rebates, which means you can purchase the appliance, fill out a form with the proper documentation, and get a check in the mail. Programs vary by utility.

The Maryland Appliance Rebate Program will layer federal funding on top of the utility rebate programs, to provide consumers with additional rebates on other products. You will be able to take advantage of both the utility appliance rebate and the Maryland appliance rebate at the same time. All rebates will be processed through your electric utility provider, and rebates are not retroactive.

For more information on the utility programs, visit their websites:

[Allegheny Power](#)

[BGE](#)

[Delmarva](#)

[Pepco](#)

[SMECO](#)

**Applications for the Maryland Appliance Rebate Program will be available through your electric utility provider on or after April 22, 2010.**

*Which appliances will be rebated with stimulus money?*

GREAT NEWS! Maryland just received approval for higher rebate amounts. States were free to choose the type of appliance to rebate, as well as the rebate amount for each product. Maryland will be offering a **\$300 rebate for ENERGY STAR electric heat pump water heaters**, a new and very efficient piece of equipment. Stimulus funds will also provide **\$100 for super-efficient clothes washers** and **\$50 for super-efficient refrigerators**. These dollar amounts are in addition to any rebate offered by the utilities for ENERGY STAR models. BGE, Allegheny, Pepco, SMECO, and Delmarva Power currently offer rebates for other appliances, as well (see links above).

Information about the total rebate you can expect is found in the charts below:

**Clothes Washer Rebates:**

<b>Your Electric Utility</b>	<b>EmPOWER Maryland Rebate</b>	<b>Maryland Appliance Rebate Program (for models with MEF at least 2.0, WF less than 6.0)</b>	<b>Total Rebate Amount (for models with MEF at least 2.0, WF less than 6.0)</b>
Allegheny Power	\$75, models with MEF 2.0 or higher	\$100	\$175
BGE	\$50, ENERGY STAR	\$100	\$150
Delmarva Power	\$0	\$100	\$100
Pepco	\$0	\$100	\$100
SMECO	\$50, ENERGY STAR	\$100	\$150
Choptank Electric Cooperative/Municipal utility	\$0	\$100	\$100

**Refrigerator Rebates:**

<b>Your Electric Utility</b>	<b>EmPOWER Maryland Rebate (ENERGY STAR models)</b>	<b>Maryland Appliance Rebate Program (For models at least 25% more efficient than federal standard)</b>	<b>Total Rebate Amount (For models at least 25% more efficient than federal standard)</b>
Allegheny Power <sup>1</sup>	\$50	\$50	\$100
BGE <sup>2</sup>	\$50	\$50	\$100
Delmarva Power	\$50	\$50	\$100
Pepco	\$50	\$50	\$100
SMECO <sup>2</sup>	\$50	\$50	\$100
Choptank Electric Cooperative/Municipal utility	\$0	\$50	\$50

1: Allegheny Power offers an additional \$35 for refrigerator recycling

2: BGE and SMECO offer an additional rebate of \$50 for refrigerator recycling

**Electric Heat Pump Water Heater Rebates:**

<b>Your Electric Utility</b>	<b>EmPOWER Maryland Rebate</b>	<b>Maryland Appliance Rebate Program (ENERGY STAR models)</b>	<b>Total Rebate Amount (ENERGY STAR models)</b>
Allegheny Power	\$0	\$300	\$300
BGE	\$0	\$300	\$300
Delmarva Power	\$0	\$300	\$300
Pepco	\$0	\$300	\$300
SMECO	\$25	\$300	\$325
Choptank Electric Cooperative/Municipal utility	\$0	\$300	\$300

*How do I find out which appliances qualify?*

To qualify for the rebate, clothes washers and refrigerators must meet certain efficiency standards. **These standards exceed the current ENERGY STAR criteria for these appliances.** Lists of qualifying models can be found below:

Appliance	Specification	Qualifying Models
Refrigerator	Select ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators with an annual kWh usage <b>at least 25% better than the federal standard</b>	<a href="#">View</a>
Clothes Washer	Select ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers with a <b>Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of at least 2.0 and a water factor no greater than 6.0.</b>	<a href="#">View</a>
Heat Pump Water Heater	ENERGY STAR	<a href="#">View</a>

*Where can I purchase the appliances?*

You can purchase qualifying appliances at any Maryland retailer or online, as long as you can prove that you paid Maryland sales and usage tax. You will need to submit relevant documentation (receipts, etc) in order to receive your rebate. The Maryland Energy Administration is working with retailers across the state to ensure that there will be plenty of qualifying models available for purchase by April 22.

*Do I need to turn in my old appliance, like in the “Cash for Clunker” cars program?*

No, you will not need to turn in your old appliance to get a rebate in most cases\*. However, you will have to certify that you are *replacing* an old appliance of the same function. This means that you can’t put your old refrigerator in the basement as extra storage and still get a rebate for a new fridge – the purpose of this program is to save you energy and money by replacing your old appliance with a new one. We encourage you to take advantage of any utility or retailer appliance recycling programs. BGE and SMECO offer additional rebates for recycling, and many major retailers will dispose of your appliances for no additional charge.

\*Allegheny Power requires recycling of your old refrigerator in order to receive a rebate

*When will the program be up and running?*

Purchases made on or after April 22, 2010 will qualify for the rebate. You may be able to take advantage of your electric utility programs if you’re looking to purchase appliances before then. The rebate program will not be retroactive.

*How will I know when the program launches?*

The program will launch on April 22, 2010. MEA will update our website with the most current information and with links to your utility company websites. To stay up-to-date about this and other MEA programs, sign up for our newsletter at [www.energy.maryland.gov](http://www.energy.maryland.gov), by clicking on "News and Events." You will also receive marketing information from your utility provider, in the form of bill inserts, radio ads, etc.

*Are there any other sources of rebates or tax credits?*

For federal tax credits, visit [www.energystar.gov/taxcredits](http://www.energystar.gov/taxcredits). There are no state tax credits available at this time.

To find out about manufacturer's rebates available, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), click on "Products," then click on "Special Offers" (green bar on the right). Enter your zip code for additional information.

*What if I'm not a customer of one of those five utilities?*

MEA will be running a simplified rebate program for customers of municipal and cooperative utilities. Look for marketing information on the MEA website or with your utility bills sometime in upcoming months for more information.

For additional information, contact the Maryland Energy Administration at 410-260-7655.